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DISCUSS RESISTANCE, EXILE POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Recent arrivals from Albania report that the domestic situation has deterio-  
 rated in the past few weeks. Requisitions by the Hoxha government of vast  
 quantities of food, especially olive oil, for the USSR have caused the virtual  
 disappearance of food from the market.

This situation has produced strong reactions, but attempts to take any  
 sort of action have been too sporadic to be effective, and have often been mo-  
 tivated by personal rather than patriotic reasons. Consequently, the police  
 have been able to put down these revolts very easily.

On 14 January 1952, the Albanian radio announced that workers in the Patos  
 oil field had succeeded in putting out a fire there, caused by lightning, with-  
 out damage to the wells. This may have been a case of sabotage.

During the celebration of the 39th anniversary of Albanian independence  
 in Rome, the venerable patriot, Mehdi Fasheri, exhorted the Albanians to  
 unite and to look toward the West, since Soviet ideology could bring only ruin.  
 His words aroused great interest not only in the country itself but among Al-  
 banian refugees abroad who see the necessity of a union, without distinction,  
 of all Albanians if Albania is to be liberated from Cominform tyranny.

It is noteworthy that the Committee for a Free Albania, which claims to  
 represent all classes and all political movements in Albania opposed to Com-  
 munism, has recognized, although indirectly, the need of encouraging the var-  
 ious political currents in order to accelerate the fall of the Hoxha regime.

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